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Title: ANCHORING MEMBER FOR A SUPPORT POST  
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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 19 and 20 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (amended) A post comprising a footing adapted to be driven into the ground, said footing including a socket member that is protected against deformation while being implanted into the ground by an outer sleeve, said outer sleeve having trailing and leading ends, said leading end being adapted to be forcibly driven into the ground in response to a driving force applied to said trailing end, said socket member being received within said outer sleeve with said leading end of said outer sleeve extending beyond said socket member for allowing said socket member to move deeper into said outer sleeve in the event that an

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Attorney's Docket No. 13738-7US MS/SC/ip
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INVENTION ANCHORING MEMBER FOR A SUPPORT POST			

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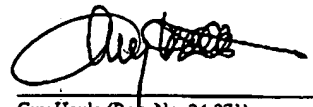
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status.☒ No additional fee is required.

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIMS					+ \$135. =	\$ 0	+ \$270. =	\$ n/a
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